350. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—With reference to the answer to question 194 of the budget session of 1101, will the Government be pleased to state if it has come to any decision on the matters referred to therein?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Medical Officers and State functions.

351. Mr. Poulo Mmpilli. — (a) Will the Government be peased to state the reasons that induced the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to issue a circular stating that no officers of the department should attend any State functions without obtaining previous sanction;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if Heads of Offices and Heads of Departments are not expected to be present at *Athachamayam* and to pay their respects to His Highness the Maharaja on His Highness' birthday?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The circular only meant that previous notice should be given to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on such occasions, so that other arrangements may be made to work the institutions.

(b) Yes, that is the rule.

The tours of the Diwan and the Chief Engineer outside the State.

352. Mr. A. B. Salem.—I. Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Diwan and the Chief Engineer have travelled outside the State since the last budget session in their official or private capacities;

(b) if official, what are the places visited and purpose or object of the visits;

(c) the cost of such travel to the State;

II. whether any one was placed 'in charge' of the duties of the Diwan inside the State during such absence of the Diwan outside, and what arrangements were made for any possible emergency arising and needing orders of the Diwan on the spot?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes, in the official capacity.

(b) Only Madras. The Diwan's visit was like that of the previous year an annual one made in the interests of the administration of the State. It is not considered expedient to disclose the objects or purposes in detail. The Chief Engineer's visit was for the inspection of the Tullocks Garden buildings.

(c) Rs. 250-8-0 in the case of the Diwan and Rs. 208 in the case of the Chief Engineer.

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